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SUBJECT:INVITATION TO BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS VISITING
MISSION

1. GOVERNOR KING OF THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS WILL BE INVITING
AMBASSADOR BLYDEN AND THE VISITING MISSION TO THE BRITISH
VIRGIN ISLANDS TO HAVE LUNCH WITH HIM DURING A POSSIBLE
STOPOVER IN ST. THOMAS. SHOULD QUESTIONS ARISE AS TO THE
MEANING OF THIS INVITATION, THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS
MAY BE USED:

--GOVERNOR KING WAS UNABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE DELIBERATION
OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES THIS YEAR DUE TO
A PREVIOUS COMMITMENT IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

--IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE NORMAL WAY TO REACH THE
BRITISH VIRGINS WOULD BE THROUGH ST. THOMAS, HE THOUGHT,
AS A MATTER OF COURTESY AND CONVENIENCE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL
FOR HIM TO HAVE A CHANCE INFORMALLY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH
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THE MISSION MEMBERS AND PERHAPS CLARIFY QUESTIONS WHICH

THE SUB-COMMITTEE MIGHT HAVE FELT WERE UNANSWERED.

-- THE VISIT IS, OF COURSE, COMPLETELY UNOFFICIAL AND
DOES NOT IMPLY ANY CHANGE IN US POLICY CONCERNING
VISITING MISSIONS TO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AT THIS TIME.

2. MISSION SHOULD REPORT ANY CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING
THIS INVITATION. SISCO

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